

REMARKS

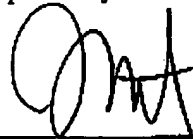
Claims 1, 3-6, 8-9, 11-14 and 22-44 are pending in this application. Claims 31-44 have been added. Claims 2, 7, 10 and 15-21 were previously canceled. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action mailed June 30, 2005, claims 1-9 and 15-21 were rejected as being anticipated by Kuroi, U.S. Patent No. 10/377,829, which was filed in the U.S. on March 4, 2003. Applicant responded to this amendment on September 30, 2005 by amending some claims and adding others.

Applicant provides herewith an Affidavit under Rule 131 showing that the present invention was made prior to March 4, 2003. As a result, Kuroi is not a reference under Section 102. Accordingly, claims 31-44 have been added herein. These claims are similar in scope to original claims 1-14, which were only rejected in view of Kuroi. Since Kuroi cannot be used as a reference, it is respectfully submitted that those claims are allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Ira S. Matsil, Applicant's attorney, at 972-732-1001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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